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2. POLITICAL PARTIES CHILEAN LEFT (API, PSD, PR, PS, MAPU AND PCCH) HAVE REACHED IMPASSE OVER SELECTION CANDIDATE POPULAR UNITY MOVEMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1970 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. DATE FOR SELECTION SUCCESSIVELY ADVANCED FROM ORIGINAL DATE FIRST HALF NOVEMBER TO FIRST HALF DECEMBER TO 31 DECEMBER WITHOUT REACHING AGREEMENT. BASIC SCHISM HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN "DEMOCRATIC" PARTIES OF THE LEFT (PR, API AND PSD) AND "MARXIST" PARTIES (PCCH AND PS), WITH MAPU (WHICH INCLUDES OLD PDC "REBELDES") SOMEWHERE BETWEEN. AT PRESENT MOMENT EACH PARTY OR GROUP OF PARTIES ACCUSING OTHERS OF HINDERING POPULAR UNITY FOR VARIOUS REASONS SUCH AS PERSONALISM, ETC. PR/API/PSD BLOC HAS REFUSED ACCEPT

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"MARXIST" CANDIDATE, SPECIFICALLY ALLENDE. MAPU HAS ALSO REJECTED ALLENDE, BUT ON GROUNDS HE A LOSER. PCCH WHICH HAD PLANNED TO SUPPORT ALLENDE (AS LATE AS 19 DECEMBER PLENUM OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE) ALSO GOT COLD FEET AND RENEGED ON ITS PROMISE TO SUPPORT HIM. FINALLY, ON 30 DECEMBER PCCH PRIVATELY BUT OFFICIALLY INFORMED PR BALTRA UNACCEPTABLE. THIS APPARENTLY GREAT SHOCK TO PR WHICH FELT ON VERGE OF SEEING BALTRA AS UNITY CANDIDATE AFTER BEING LED DOWN GARDEN PATH BY PCCH. ON 31 DECEMBER MAPU CANDIDATE CHONCHOL WITHDREW. WHAT HAPPENED IS THAT PCCH DECIDED IT BETTER TO SELECT NEW SO-CALLED "SIXTH CANDIDATE" (APART FROM BALTRA, NERUDA, ALLENDE, TARUD AND CHONCHOL)--EITHER MAPU SENATOR RAFAEL GUMUCIO OR PS SECRETARY GENERAL ANICETO RODRIGUEZ, BUT WITH GUMUCIO BY FAR FAVORITE. GUMUCIO EXTREMELY WELL REGARDED BY COMMUNISTS WHO CONSIDER HIM TO HAVE ALL CLEARLY DEFINED VIRTUES OF BOY SCOUT. WHAT THEY DON'T SAY PUBLICALLY IS THAT HE NEARLY PERFECT TOOL SINCE HE GENUINELY COMMITTED TO REVOLUTIONARY CREDO AND STILL MAINTAINS IMPORTANT EQUITIES WITHIN PDC WHICH AFTER ALL PCCH'S PRINCIPAL ENEMY. GUMUCIO COULD BE EXPECTED ATTRACT SIGNIFICANT VOTE FROM PDC YOUNG AND IN RURAL AREAS WHERE

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THOSE WHO NOW COMPRISE MAPU MOST ACTIVE WHILE STILL IN PDC. FINALLY, GUMUCIO VERY MALLEABLE AND LACKS STRONG PERSONALITY OF ALLENDE OR MASONIC TIES OF BALTRA. PCCH PLANS USE CARROT AND STICK APPROACH ON OTHER PARTIES OF LEFT, MEANWHILE THREATENING TO RUN NERUDA "HASTA EL FIN" IF OTHER PARTIES DO NOT FALL IN LINE, ALL THE TIME MAINTAINING MYTH IT DOING SO IN NAME POPULAR UNITY. WHAT PCCH LOOKING FOR IS POLITICAL COMBINATION WITH EVER WIDER POLITICAL BASE IT CAN CONTROL WITHOUT APPEARING TO DO SO. CHILEANS HAVE PATHOLOGIC FEAR OF A "COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT" BUT ARE EASILY LULLED BY A BENIGN CONCEPT SUCH AS POPULAR UNITY WHICH IN END ACHIEVES SAME RESULT.

3. ABOVE IS SUMMARY OF CURRENT SITUATION.

ANALYZES THESE DEVELOPMENTS IN TERMS OF COMMUNIST (READ SOVIET) GLOBAL AIMS. FOR EXAMPLE, WERE POPULAR UNITY ACHIEVED, AND COMMUNIST CONTROLLED GOVERNMENT COME TO POWER, HOW WOULD STRATEGIC INTERESTS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES SUCH AS BRAZIL BE AFFECTED.

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